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Honorable Val Peterson
Administrator
Federal Civil Defense Administration
Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Val:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 14 inviting me to attend the Joint Civil Defense Administration-Atomic Energy Commission technical tests during the week of April 15th.

I would like to accept the invitation for this test but find that the lateness of the date in April will not fit in readily with my schedule. Therefore, I am notifying Lewis Strauss that I plan to try and accept the invitation he has extended me to witness a test now scheduled for April 3rd.

While I must reluctantly decline your kind invitation I would greatly appreciate it if Mr. Robert Amory, our Deputy Director for Intelligence, could attend the Civil Defense demonstration in my stead. If this meets with your approval, will you please advise me in order that I may ask Mr. Amory to make his plans accordingly?

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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18 February 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DULLES:

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[] believes you should accept the invitation from the Atomic Energy Commission for the April 3 test shot and that you should decline the invitation from Mr. Peterson for the April 15 Civil Defense test shot.

Mr. Miller points out that the number of persons invited to the Civil Defense demonstration will greatly exceed those invited to the Atomic Energy Commission test.

He suggests that you attempt to substitute Mr. Amory for yourself at the scheduled Civil Defense demonstration. *I understand from Bob's people that he would like to go.*

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~~WASHINGTON, D. C.~~
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

FEB 14 1955

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

During April 1955 the Federal Civil Defense Administration will conduct a major program in conjunction with an Atomic Test Shot at the Nevada Proving Grounds. This program, conducted in cooperation with the Atomic Energy Commission, will include technical tests on houses and industrial installations as well as the first field exercise ever held by civil defense workers.

I would like you to be my guest at the program. While it is not possible to give you the exact date until about one month before the shot, we expect it will be fired within a week of April 15th. You may arrive in Las Vegas at any time up to noon on the day before the shot, and depart in accordance with your desires once the shot is over. However I hope you will be able to stay until the day after the shot in order to tour the firing area for inspection of the test structures.

With an uncertain date, I realize your acceptance will have to be tentative. Nevertheless, I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. If you believe you will be able to go, we will send all necessary information on arrangements.

Because of our limited ability to handle or to accommodate observers, I regret the necessity of making this invitation for you alone. I sincerely hope you will be able to attend. I am certain you will find invaluable the experience of witnessing the tremendous force of an atomic weapon and an implication of the measures we must take as civilians to minimize its effects.

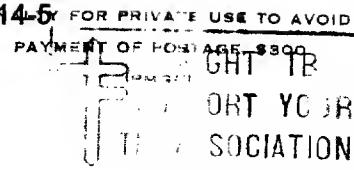
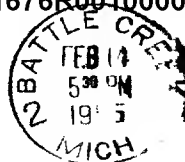
Sincerely,



Val Peterson

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We are holding an extra copy of this letter to go to Mr. Amory, if Mr. Dulles approves this letter.

Alina